



## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

With an unfortunate perversity showing more or less feeling, four of the seven members of the council have refused to be influenced by the almost unanimous protest of the business men and taxpayers of the city against the imposition of a license tax on tobacco prized in Hopkinsville. Under this unusual measure, Messrs. Heath, O'Flynn, Ross and others who buy tobacco here and ship it to Madisonville or Owensboro to work it up escape the tax, while Messrs. Hancock, Fairleigh and Thomas, who not only buy but employ local labor to prize the tobacco at home must pay 25 cents on each hoghead. If the law is held to be legal, which is seriously doubted by good lawyers, its life will be short, as its harmful results will soon be apparent.

Only ONE more day till Christmas.

Harry Thaw is back on the front page.

Tuesday was the shortest day in the year.

The Edmonton News has suspended publication.

You didn't shop early, now get in the Christmas Eve rush.

Former Senator W. S. West died suddenly at Valdosta, Ga.

There will be no more sales on the loose floors until next Tuesday.

When asked if he favored a platform convention Gov. McCreary said he favored what was best for the party.

Owensboro loose floors have already sold 6,000,000 pounds of tobacco at prices averaging from \$5.49 to \$8.35.

Fine weather was furnished by the weather clerk yesterday and the prediction is for a fair day Christmas.

Half the whole world will have a sad Christmas this year. Those of us who have a merry one, should indeed be thankful.

The Kaiser claims that the Lord helped him in the big victory recently celebrated, which it turns out was prematurely announced.

Eugene Zimmerman, a prominent railroad man whose daughter married the Duke of Manchester, died suddenly in Cincinnati, Monday.

A six-foot snowfall on Turkey's Russian frontier has stopped the fighting. Turkey is using Arabs from a hot country and their sufferings are intense.

England has quietly annexed Egypt with its 14,000,000 people already accustomed to British rule and Turkey can already see one thing she lost by not keeping the peace.

The little town of Rockport, Ky., was full of excitement one day last week, when one prominent citizen dropped dead and another man set himself on fire by going to sleep with a pipe in his mouth and was burned to death.

Lieut. F. J. Gerstner, aged 23, a graduate of 1913, of Michigan, fell into the ocean at Ocean Side, Cal., Monday, while making a flight in an army biplane, and was drowned. His pilot was rescued. He is the eighteenth officer lost in this branch of the service.

BIG FOUR  
STOOD PAT

And Refused To Reverse Its  
Action On Tobacco  
License.

NO FURTHER VOTE TAKEN.

Three Councilmen Make Fight  
But Are Again Voted  
Down.

The Council held an adjourned session Tuesday night with a quorum present. The revised license ordinance was expected to come up for its second passage but no vote was taken on it as a whole.

Councilman Wooldridge submitted a substitute for section 70 of the amended ordinance, which was section 78 before the ordinance was rewritten after its original passage. This substitute provided for direct license taxes on the dealers instead of a 25-cent license tax on each hoghead of tobacco purchased. The schedule was as follows: On each dealer purchasing over 500 hhd., \$100; over 200 and under 300, \$25; over 100 and under 200, \$10; less than 100, \$5.

On each loose floor selling over 3,000,000 pounds \$100; over 2,000,000 and less than three, \$50; less than 2,000,000, \$25. All storage houses \$25.

The motion to pass this substitute was defeated by the original vote. Gee, Smith and Wooldridge voted aye and Ducker, Southall, Carloss and Russell voted no.

The contention of the majority is that the ordinance is now ready for the mayor's signature and requires no second passage in its present form, changes being permissible after the first passage. Councilman Russell was expected to change his vote on the tobacco section, but he arose and said it appeared to him that outsiders were trying to run the council's business and he would vote no.

The granting of liquor license was then taken up and all of the present 21 saloons and 2 wholesale houses were granted new licenses to May 1, 1915, and the council adjourned.

## A NOISY NIGHT

Owls Initiated a Large Class  
At Last Meeting.

Tuesday night was a great one with the Owls. A class of eight was initiated and the hooting continued to an unusual hour. A number of other persons have been elected to membership, but owing to Christmas spirit prevailing and for other reasons they will not be admitted until next week.

## Hotel Man Murdered.

William J. Troy, aged 50, owner of several hotels, was found stabbed to death in a room in the Troy hotel at Cleveland. There were half a dozen stab wounds in his body. A woman notified the police over the phone. Troy's diamond ring and \$200 were missing when his body was reached.

## Water at Last.

The Madisonville Water Works Co. caught enough water to last 30 or 40 days, Sunday.

Rev. John O. Smithson will preach at Hebron next Sunday, Dec. 27.

GERMANS  
REPULSED

Violent Attacks In West Result  
In No Successes Is The  
Report.

GERMANY MAKES CLAIMS.

Strict Secrecy Maintained  
About Operations In  
The East.

London, Dec. 23.—The official report of last night states that violent attacks of the Germans, south of Noyon, have been repulsed. Progress is reported in other directions.

Premier Viviani, in his address before the first session of the French Chamber of Deputies called since the war, said that the war would be fought until the programme of the Allies had been completed.

That the attacks of the Allies since the offensive movement began have been without result is the statement of the Berlin Press Bureau. The campaign in the east is being kept secret.

A protest has been made by English Protestants against the appointment by England of a minister to the Vatican. The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Lieut. Commander Norman B. Holbrook, commander of the submarine B 11, which torpedoed a Turkish battleship after running the Dardanelles blockade.

## THE CARRIER BOYS.

Following the usual custom that has not been varied from in 37 years, the Kentuckian carrier boys will present an attractive carriers' greeting to-morrow morning and will be thankful for any donations made as a reward for their faithful services during the year now closing. The carriers are Gilmer Pursley, Carter King and Elvin Riggins. Lay aside something for them.

## Political Leader Ousts Dr. Gary

Dr. Milton Board has been named registrar of the Louisville district by the State Board of Health to succeed Dr. W. E. Gary, who had held the position since the new vital statistics law created the office about 5 years ago. The district is the largest in the state and pays \$1,500 annually. The county outside of Louisville is divided between eighteen registrars.—Louisville Times.

Dr. Gary is a Hopkinsville boy, a son of Mr. R. C. Gary. His record in office has been a faultless one, and it is quite likely that the change is a result of other than meritorious considerations.

## Robbery at Gracey.

A thief broke into Jack Wall's grocery store at Gracey Tuesday night and stole \$2 or \$3 left in the cash drawer. The knob of the safe was broken off, but the thief failed to get it open.

## Christmas Dance.

Invitations have been issued by the young men of Hopkinsville for the Annual Christmas Dance at Hotel Latham Friday, Dec. 25, 1914. Music by Wright's Saxophone Trio.

## Wrist Broken.

Mrs. Martha Kasey, mother of Riv. A. R. Kasey, sustained a fall at Elizabethtown a few days ago, and broke one of her wrists.

SIX TIMES  
DURING YEAR

The Hopkinsville Lodge of Elks  
Has Lost a Devoted  
Brother.

J. H. PENDLETON, PEMBROKE,

Passed Away Yesterday, After  
Long Illness, Aged Forty-  
five Years.

Judge John H. Pendleton, formerly city judge of the town of Pembroke, died yesterday morning, after a long illness, aged about 45 years. He was unmarried and had always made his home with his brother, Robt. Y. Pendleton. He was a son of the late R. Y. Pendleton, Sr., and was a useful citizen and an upright, honorable man. He was a member of the Baptist church and of the Elks lodge of this city. A delegation of Elks headed by Exalted Ruler H. W. Linton will attend the funeral services, which will be held at two o'clock this afternoon. The interment will be in Rosedale Cemetery, at Pembroke.

Mr. Pendleton is the sixth member of Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 545 B. P. O. E., who has died this year. The others were Jas. W. Ridgeway, Henry Blumenstiel, Robt. C. Payne, W. A. Wilgus and Thos. W. Long.

## THE MASTER KEY.

The fourth installment of this absorbingly interesting serial story appears in today's Kentuckian and the same chapters will be shown at the Rex Theatre Saturday. The plot thickens in today's chapters and the young heroine of the story goes from California to New York to raise money to keep the mine going and falls into the hands of Wilkerson's co-conspirators to rob her of her inheritance. Don't miss a chapter of this great story.

## Winn's Latest Move.

Paul and Samuel Winn, coal magnates of Hopkinsville, have about completed a deal for a tract of land at tenth street and Magnolia avenue, belonging to the Norman Lumber company on which they propose to establish a coal yard and engage in the retail coal business in Louisville. The transaction is being negotiated through Dr. C. B. Petrie. The consideration is said to be close to \$10,000. The ground fronts 100 feet on Magnolia avenue and extends back 500 feet. Improvements are planned.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Wagons For Carriers.

The mail carriers are now using express wagons to deliver their parcels post packages during the holiday season. They came in with such a rush that the carriers were swamped and Postmaster Williamson hit upon this plan for their relief.

CLEAR SKIES FOR  
XMAS PROMISED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Snappy temperature and clear skies will prevail Christmas day throughout the United States with the probable exception of the gulf states, according to the weather bureau predictions tonight.

TAG DAY A  
BIG SUCCESS

Associated Charities Raised  
\$275 Tuesday By Volun-  
tary Street Donations.

RED TAGS SOLD FOR CHARITY.

Honor of Biggest Sale Went To  
Mrs. Ben McReynolds, Who  
Collected \$41.45.

The Associated Charities conducted a highly successful campaign Tuesday, selling tags on the streets for charity. More than 1000 tags were sold, the sum realized being \$275.45. A large number of ladies under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Frankel, sold the tags on the streets, a prize having been offered to the one collecting the most cash. This distinction went to Mrs. Ben McReynolds, who collected \$41.45. Others did almost as well and all the young ladies worked faithfully and effectively all day.

Few if any persons seen on the streets succeeded in running the gauntlet of pretty girls and charming young matrons without buying a tag at a price ranging anywhere from 10 cents to \$1.00. Mose Elb broke the record in the afternoon by buying 15 for \$1.50.

CHRISTMAS  
TREE READY

Will Be Unveiled This After-  
noon at Four O'clock at  
Hotel Latham.

The "Good Fellows" Christmas Tree at Hotel Latham will be "unveiled" at four o'clock this afternoon for the poor children of the city with "Red" Parrish acting the part of Santa Claus.

More than 200 big red stockings filled with presents for the children whose names are on the list, will be distributed. They were put in place yesterday by a committee composed of Misses Bet Ware, Mary Goldthwaite, Mildred Hancock, Mary Neville Hancock, Nora Noe, Annie Forbes and Mrs. A. D. Noe, Jr.

The tree was decorated last night and the distribution of presents will be made this afternoon in the hotel lobby.

## Elks Charity Committee.

The Elks as usual will send out baskets filled with good things for the needy of the city. The Committee in charge is composed of Ike Hart, Will Hancock, Will Wicks and W. R. Dorris. There are 100 baskets that will be delivered this morning, of which 65 will be sent to white families and 35 to colored ones. This distribution will be made from the Elks Home, where the Committee was busy yesterday in packing the baskets.

## Christmas Trees.

Many cedars for Christmas trees have been brought to town and sold for the use of the churches and in private families. Following their usual custom all of the churches will have trees for the Sunday school children.

The Mt. Holyoke College authorities have gathered one thousand bushels of apples from their orchards.

## CUPID GETS BUSY.

## Doss-Saddler.

Harrison Doss, a young farmer of near Olmstead, and Miss Lola Saddler, of this city, were united in marriage Monday afternoon by Rev. H. E. Gabby. The wedding occurred at the home of Mr. T. M. Bullard, where the bride had resided since childhood and was a very quiet affair, as but few had been let into the secret of the approaching nuptial event and the license was secured in Logan county. Mr. and Mrs. Doss left at once for their home near Olmstead.

## Warfield-Watson.

Mr. Alex Warfield and Miss Pearl Watson were married at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday evening at 6:30, by Rev. Lewis Powell. They left at once for Louisville, where they will make their future home. The groom was until recently connected with the City Bank & Trust Co., but now has a position in Louisville. His bride is a pretty and attractive young lady.

## Anderson-Witty.

Joe Anderson and Miss Calla L. Witty, daughter of Mr. Lee Witty, will be married this evening at the home of the bride, five miles north of the city, by Rev. J. P. Cleavinger.

## Clark-Lipe.

B. N. Clark and Miss Rusha A. Lipe, of the Consolation neighborhood, were married yesterday by Judge Knight.

## Shaw-Carpenter.

J. A. Shaw and Miss Ida May Carpenter, of the Perry school house country, will be married at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. Virgil Elgin.

## Long-Fuller.

Bratley Long and Miss Willie Fuller, who reside west of Crofton, were married yesterday at 2 p. m., by Rev. J. P. Cleavinger.

## Austin-Shelby.

Mr. D. Austin and Miss Rosa Shelby, of the Mt. Zion neighborhood, will be married today.

PROHIBITION  
DEFEATED

Fails To Get The Necessary  
Two-Thirds In The  
House.

The Hobson resolution to submit constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the State Legislature was defeated in the House Tuesday night, 197 members voting for and 188 against it. An affirmative vote of two thirds, 358, was required to adopt the resolution. The Kentucky delegation voted seven for and four against as follows:

For—Barkley, Thomas, Johnson, Helm, Fields, Langley and Powers. Against—Stanley, Sherley, Rouse and Cantrill.

The Indiana delegation cast thirteen solid votes "No."

## Salvation Army.

Envoy Vallier reports that his charity collections in the pots hung on the streets Tuesday were generous and satisfactory and the money raised by keeping the pots a-boiling has been expended for the poor.

Japan is in fourth place among col-